



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **MATSUHASHI, Ryo, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3679**

Serial No.: **10/519,672**

Examiner: **David E. BOCHNA**

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For: **PIPE COUPLING**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 15, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 20, 2006**, extended to **March 20, 2007** by a **one** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.